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# 3.1 Objectives

- 3.1.1 Understand and explain the components of a video cassette and a VCR.
- 3.1.2 Understand and explain the components of an audio cassette and a standard cassette recorder.
- 3.1.3 Understand and explain how video and audio signals are recorded onto magnetic tape.
- 3.1.4 Gain the capability to splice video and audio tapes.

#### 3.2 Methods of Instruction

3.2.1	Lectures

- 3.2.1.1 How videos are produced
- 3.2.1.2 Video formats
- 3.2.1.3 How VCRs function
- 3.2.1.4 Evidence handling and note taking

### 3.2.2 Literature Review

- 3.2.2.1 Inglis, Andrew F and Luther, Arch C. Video Engineering, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1999.
- 3.2.2.2 Davies, Adrian and Fennessy, Phil. <u>Digital Imaging</u>, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Focal Press, Oxford, 2001.
- 3.2.2.3 Blitzer, Herbert L and Jacobia, Jack. <u>Forensic Digital Imaging and Photography</u>, Academic Press, San Diego, 2002.
- 3.2.2.4 Equipment and Software Users Manuals
- 3.2.2.5 Reconstruction, video and audio sections of the Division of Forensic Science Imaging/Audio Procedure Manual

## 3.2.3 Demonstration

 Basic reconstruction techniques will be observed from beginning to end and notes will be taken by the trainee

## 3.2.4 Laboratory Exercises

- 3.2.4.1 Audio tape reconstruction to include standard cassette and microcassette
- 3.2.4.2 Video tape reconstruction to include VHS and Hi8
- 3.2.4.3 Casework will be completed by trainee under supervision content and techniques used will be dependent on the cases submitted

## 3.3 Evaluation

#### 3.3.1 Written examination

- 3.3.1.1 Paper on how videos are made (concurrent assignment with video module)
- 3.3.1.2 Techniques and terms to be defined

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- 3.3.2 Laboratory testing
  - Trainee must complete at least 9 months of casework under direct supervision. This may include real and mock cases.
- 3.3.3 Oral exercises
  - Technical review sessions
- 3.3.4 Courtroom exercises
  - Trainee must be capable of answering questions such as would be expected in a courtroom scenario.

# 3.4 **Examination Questions**

- 3.4.1 How long and how wide is the typical VHS video tape?
- 3.4.2 Explain how a video tape is put together.
- 3.4.3 Define helical scan.
- 3.4.4 Draw and explain the tracks which are recorded onto a video tape.
- 3.4.5 How fast does the head in a VCR rotate?
- 3.4.6 In SP mode, how fast is the video tape moving past the head? In LP mode? In EP mode?
- 3.4.7 How is the video tape loaded into the VCR from the video cassette?
- 3.4.8 How does the VCR know it is at the end of the tape?
- 3.4.9 How much audio tape is contained in a typical 90-minute cassette?
- 3.4.10 Draw and explain the tracks which are recorded onto an audio tape.
- 3.4.11 What are the different types of audio tapes available?
- 3.4.12 What is bias?

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